

--Reproduction data is supplied to a decoder and decoded.

A1  
A reproducing conditions label is detected by a reproducing conditions label detecting unit. Compression encoding is decoded by a decompressor. A watermark detecting unit determines whether the reproducing conditions label has been falsified. In a listening counter, each time the reproduction data is decoded, listening data is changed. The listening data transmitted from a prepaid data charger by an antenna and a communicating module is stored into a memory unit. An encrypting module and a decoding module are provided in the communicating module. In a watermark adding unit, a watermark is added to output data. The data is converted into an analog output by a D/A converter and outputted.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-86 by rewriting same to read as follows:

A2  
--1. (Amended) A data decoding apparatus comprising:  
decoding means for decoding one of encoded and encrypted digital data;  
memory means for storing monitoring data; and  
charge control means for performing a charging process by changing the monitoring data in the memory means in accordance with an instruction of reproducing conditions information associated with the digital data when the digital data are